

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
September 28, 2023

The Town of Marshfield has a Budget Committee consisting of 5 members. They will review all requests that are received prior to December 12th. Please use the attached form. It is helpful if you also include your most recent annual report.

Please note that in the past, organizations submitted requests, or believe they submitted them, but the requests were not received. **To make sure this doesn't happen again, I will post requests on the town's website. It will be your responsibility to check the website to verify that your request has been received.**

We require electronic submission. Please convert and merge all of your documents into a single pdf to facilitate posting; at this time of year I do not have time to print and scan or convert and merge dozens of requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Budget Committee meets once each year, on the third Tuesday in December. Check the Town's website for meeting information: <http://marshfieldvt.gov>

I will post the results of their meeting on the Town's website.

If the Budget Committee approves your request, it will be placed on the warning. If they don't approve it, or they approve less than you requested, you have the right to petition. You would need approximately 60 signatures, depending on the timing of your petition and the number of voters on the checklist on that date. The deadline for submitting a petition is 47 days before Town Meeting; this deadline is set in statute. In 2024 the deadline to receive petitions is January 15th.

If the voters approve the article, you will receive a check from the Town during the month of September.

Name of organization: OUR House of Central VT, INC

Address: 38 Summer ST, Barre VT 06541

Telephone number: 802-622-0821

Brief Description: The Selectboard will include a one-line description in the warning for town meeting. How would you like your services to be described in the warning (no more than 10 words): Marshfield residents use OUR House when they have experienced a crime of sexual violence.

Article: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 100 to OUR House for 2024

The Town will also include a description of your services in the Town report.

What type of services do you provide? (no more than 100 words)

OUR House of Central Vermont is a non-profit Children's Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit located in Barre and serving all of Washington County. OUR House's mission is to provide a safe and supportive setting for child victims of physical & sexual abuse, their non-offending family members as well as adult survivors of sexual assault. OUR House (which stands for One Unified Response) implements a multidisciplinary approach to the issue of physical and sexual abuse.

How do your services directly impact the citizens of Marshfield? separate incidents of sexual violence occurred within your town. We track where a crime occurred, not where people lived. Therefore there could be more residents who LIVE in Marshfield who have experienced sexual violence but the crime could have happened elsewhere.

How many Marshfield residents were served in the past year? unknown

How much are you requesting?

\$100.00

How do you calculate or justify the amount of money that you are requesting from us?

It is a random amount to help out with coffee, etc. The true casework about would be thousands.

Last year's appropriation request: \$100

Last year's grant from the Town: \$100

Explanation of any increase in this year's request (if applicable):
